

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: SANDRA MARKS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #8 – OLD TOWN AREA PARKING STUDY

ISSUE: The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on the recommendations of the Old Town Area Parking Study (OTAPS) Work Group.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission receive an update on recommendations made by the OTAPS Work Group and hold a public hearing on the OTAPS Work Group recommendations.

BACKGROUND: One of the recommendations of the 2012 Work Group was to monitor on-street and off-street parking to determine areas that have exceeded the 85% parking occupancy threshold. In the fall of 2014, the City collected this data and the OTAPS Work Group was reconvened in early 2015 to review updated parking occupancy data in the Old Town and develop recommendations related to metered parking and residential permit parking in the study area. The Work Group met monthly from January 2015 through August 2015.

DISCUSSION: Over the past eight months, the Work Group has discussed a variety of tools that could be used to address parking issues within the study area. The 2015 Work Group identified the following goals for improving parking management in the study area:

- Encourage short-term visitors to park in metered areas rather than residential blocks;
- Encourage long-term visitors to use transit and park in off-street garages and surface lots;
- Preserve parking on residential blocks for residents and guests;
- Encourage compliance at meters and in residential parking districts.

Attachment 1 provides a summary of the tools discussed that are related to each parking management goal and the various options that could be used to implement each specific tool. Staff noted both the majority and minority positions expressed by Work Group members in the summary, as well any formal motions that were made during the meetings.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: 2015 OTAPS Work Group Recommendations (dated August 13, 2015)